MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

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BAPTIST ASSOCIATION:

HELD WITH THE

Mount Zion Church, Franklin County, Miss.,

ON THE 2d, 3d, AD4th OF OCTOBER, 1858.

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NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST BOOK AND PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

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MOUNT ZION, OCTOBER 2d, 1858.

The Mississippi Baptist Association met with the Mount Zion Church.

The Introductory preached by Elder M. S. Shirk, according to appointment, from Daniel, ii, 44.

ITEM 1st. After a recess of thirty minutes, the delegates from the various Churches of the Association, were called to order by Elder Z. Reeves, Moderator. Prayer by Bro. Wm. Fortenberry.

ITEM 2d. Appointed Bros. M. S. Shirk, and Clement C. Lea, reading clerks.

ITEM 3d. Called for, and read letters from twenty-seven Churches, enrolled the names of the delegates present, and noted their statistics.

ITEM 4th. The Association then organized, by re-electing Elder Z. REEVES, Moderator, and Bro. GEO. F. WEBB, clerk. Bros. William Guinn, and Jno. A. Wroten, acting as tellers.

ITEM 5th. Ministering Brethren of our faith and order who were present, invited to seats, and participate with us.

ITEM 6th. The following Committees were appointed by the Moderator, viz: *On Preaching;* Bros. D. B. Cain, J. B. Quin, and Thomas Havis. *On Revision and Arrangement;* Bros. M. S. Shirk, F. Clark, and Solomon S. Relyea, and the Moderator and Clerk added by motion. *On Finance;* Bros. G. P. Claughton, James W. Felder, and Joseph R. Cotton, with the two Treasurers added.

ITEM 7th. The Committee on Preaching reported as follows: Bro. S. S. Relyea, to preach at 10 o'clock on Sunday; Bro. M. S. Shirk to follow, and Bro. F. Clark to close; which report was received and adopted.

ITEM 8th. On motion, it was agreed that a public collection be taken up on to-morrow, for Missionary purposes. Bros. W. F. Cain, D. H. Quin, and J. R. Cotton, were, on motion, appointed to make said collection.

ITEM 9th. On motion, Corresponding Letters from sister Associations were called for and read as follows: From Pearl River Association; a letter and bundle of minutes, by hands of Elder Wm. Fortenberry, their messenger. From Mississippi River Association; a letter and bundle of minutes, by hands of her messengers, Elder P. H. Harbour, and J. L. Simpson. From Ebenezer Association; a letter and bundle of minutes, by hands of messenger, Elder N. B. Robinson.

ITEM 10th. The following appointments made by the Moderator: To the Mississippi River Association:

Messengers, Elders M. S. Shirk, and S. S. Relyea, and Bro. Relyea to write. To the Union Association: Elders W. H. Bailey, and J. A. Wroten, messengers, and Bro. Bailey to write. To the Ebenezer Association: Elders Wilson Clark, and Elijah Young, messengers, and Bro. Young to write. To the Eastern Louisiana Association: Elders Wilson Clark, and Elijah Young, messengers, and Bro. Clark to write. To Pearl River Association, a motion was made and put to vote by the clerk, that Elders Z. Reeves, and S. W. Bullock, be appointed as messengers, and Bro. Bullock to write: the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 11th. The following delegates excused from further attendance on the Association, viz: Bros. Henry Walker, Perry Smith, James Kaigle, Henry Albrirton, D. B. Cain, and Thomas Havis.

ITEM 12th. On motion, this body agreed to have its next meeting to commence on Saturday, before 3d Lord's day in September, 1859.

ITEM 13th. Appointed Bros. S. S. Relyea, D. H. Quin, W. F. Cain, and G. W. Catlett, a committee to examine the Baptist Sunday School Question Book of Bro. A. C. Dayton, with introduction by Bro. J. R. Graves.

ITEM 14th. On motion, the Association adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Bro. S. S. Relyea, closed with Prayer.

ZACHARIAH REEVES, MODERATOR.

GEO. F. WEBB, *Clerk.*

EXERCISES ON SABBATH.

According to appointment, Bro. Relyea Preached on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, to a large and attentive congregation; after which a collection was taken up for Missionary purposes. The result of the collection is shown in the Treasurer's report of that fund. After a recess of forty minutes, Bro. Shirk occupied the stand, and was followed by Bro. F. Clark, who closed by coming down from the stand, and extending a general invitation to all who desired an interest in the prayers of God's people, to come forward and give their hands in token of their wishes. Many came forward, and a happy close was enjoyed.

MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 4th, 1858.

ITEM 1st. The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Bro. Baily lead in prayer.

ITEM 2d. On motion, Bro. Geo. F. Webb read the rules of Decorum and Powers of the Association.

ITEM 3d. On motion, the petition and letter from Pioneer Church, for admission into our membership as a sister Church, was received; and being found orthodox, the right hand of fellowship was extended to her delegate, and her statistics noted.

ITEM 4th. The Reports of Bro. J. B. Quin, Treasurer of the benevolent fund, having been examined by the Committee, were received and adopted. [See Appendices A and C.]

ITEM 5th. The Report of Bro. James A. Jenkins, Treasurer of the Associational fund, having been examined by the Committee and found correct, was received and adopted. [See Appendix B.]

ITEM 6th. The Committee on Sunday School Question Book of Bro. A. C. Dayton, was received and adopted. [See Appendix D.]

ITEM 7th. The Committee of revision and arrangement, reported on abstracts of the Church letters, which was received and adopted. [See Appendix E.]

ITEM 8th. The Committee on Preaching, reported Bro. Wm. Fortenberry and Bro. N. B. Robinson, to preach in the order of their names, at 10 o'clock this morning.

ITEM 9th. The Report of the visitors of the Amite Female Seminary, received and adopted. [See Appendix F.]

ITEM 10th. Report of Committee of Arrangement and Revision, on the order of business, received and adopted. [See Appendix G.]

ITEM 11th. The Bros. appointed to write letters to Corresponding Associations, read their letters as follows: To Mississippi River Association, Bro. S. S. Relyea presented his letter. To Union Association, Bro. Bailey presented his letter. To Ebenezer Association, Bro. Young presented his letter. To Eastern Louisiana Association, Bro. W. Clark presented his letter. To the Pearl River Association, Bro. Bullock presented his letter; and each one having been read and considered, were adopted.

ITEM 12th. Committee on Obituaries reported, which was received and adopted. [See Appendix H.]

ITEM 13th. On motion, the resolution changing the time of meeting of this body passed on Saturday, was reconsidered and the resolution rescinded.

ITEM 14th. A motion was then made and carried, fixing the time of meeting of this body on Saturday, before the 2d Lord's day in October, annually.

ITEM 15th. On motion, Bros. W. F. Cain, and D. H. Quin, were appointed additional messengers to the Eastern Louisiana Association, to make known the change of time of our meeting, and request that body to change her time of meeting.

ITEM 16th. On motion, the following Preamble and Resolutions were adopted, viz: Whereas, the recent Sunday School Convention, held in Nashville, Tennessee, has created considerable excitement in the Baptist ranks; and whereas, Baptist Churches have been requested to speak their sentiments relative to said Convention, therefore—

Resolved, That we, as an Association, unanimously approve of the plan of union proposed by said Convention. *Resolved*, That we have entire confidence in the ability of the Board of Managers and Officers as appointed by said Convention, and that these, our sentiments, be made known by Bro. J. R. Graves, giving publication to them in the Tennessee Baptist. *Resolved*, that this Association send five messengers

to the Baptist Sabbath School Convention to be held in Memphis, Tennessee, in November next.

Whereupon, the Moderator made the following appointments, viz: Bros. G. W. Catlett, W. F. Cain, Wilson Clark, E. M. Tabor, and Geo. F. Webb.

ITEM 17th. The following Resolution was adopted: *Resolved*, That we recommend the Tennessee Baptist, a newspaper edited by Bros. Graves, Pendleton, and Dayton, of Nashville, Tennessee, to the Baptists of this Association, and the Baptists generally, and all others, as a faithful exponent of Baptist principles.

ITEM 18th. The same resolution extended to the Mississippi Baptist, a newspaper published at Jackson, Mississippi.

ITEM 19th. On motion, the following Resolutions were adopted, viz: *Resolved*, That we deem it expedient for this Association to employ a Missionary to devote his entire time to visiting and preaching in the destitute portions of the Association.

Resolved, That five Brethren be appointed a Standing Committee for the year, to obtain a suitable Brother as Missionary, and to secure the means for his support. Under which resolution, the Moderator made the following appointment on said Committee, viz: G. P. Claughton, James W. Felder, W. F. Cain, Jas. A. Jenkins, and Clement C. Lea.

ITEM 20th. *Resolved*, That the following appointments be made as the Board of Visitors of the Amite Female Seminary, for the ensuing year, viz: Zacha-

riah Reeves, F. Clark, G. P. Claughton, Dalcho Perkins, Lewis Perkins, J. R. Cotton, W. L. Johns, W. F. Cain, William Elzy, James B. Quin, S. W. Bullock, Jas. W. Felder, Geo. F. Webb, John G. Morgan, E. L. Bramblet, C. C. Lea, K. R. Webb, J. R. Jackson, W. A. Lane, J. L. Downs, R. E. Bates, S. M. Brian, H. S. Anderson, D. H. Quin, W. P. Dodds, and D. B. Cain.

ITEM 21st. On motion, the following Resolution was adopted, viz: *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be instructed to hold all the Home Missionary money in his hands, not otherwise designated, subject to the order of the Missionary Committee.

ITEM 22d. The following Resolution adopted: *Resolved*, That the Churches within the Association be recommended by this body to take up collections for the support of a Missionary within our Associational limits.

ITEM 23d. On motion, Bro. Geo. F. Webb was requested to write to Bro. J. B. Quin, Treasurer, to keep in his hands all home Missionary funds, subject to the order of the Missionary Committee.

ITEM 24th. On motion, the following Resolution was introduced and adopted: *Resolved*, That this Association recommend to the Ministers who are members of this body, to present to the various Churches to whom they preach, the subject of Ministerial Education, soliciting funds to be expended in bearing the expenses of indigent young men, who may be

studying, or wishing to study, for the Ministry in Mississippi College, at Clinton, Hinds County, Mississippi.

ITEM 25th. The following Resolution, offered by Bro. G. W. Catlett, which was unanimously adopted, viz: *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the citizens in the neighborhood of Mount Zion Church, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have received and entertained the delegates and visitors attending this Association.

ITEM 26th. On motion, the following Resolution was adopted, viz: *Resolved*, That this Association recommend brevity in the writing of Church letters to the Association.

ITEM 27th. Bro. M. R. Clark offered the following resolution, which was adopted by this body, viz:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered the Moderator and Clerk, for the prompt and efficient manner in which they have discharged their duties.

ITEM 28th. On motion, Bro. Geo. F. Webb was appointed to superintend the printing of (1750) seventeen hundred and fifty copies of the minutes of this Association, comprising the business of its present session, and that he receive for the same, the sum of twenty dollars.

ITEM 29th. On motion, Gallilee Church, Amite County, was appointed as the place of the next meeting of this body.

ITEM 30th. On motion, the Association went into

an election for Preacher of introductory sermon, at our next meeting, and an alternate, which resulted as follows: Elder S. S. Relyea, to Preach introductory, and Elder Z. Reeves, his alternate; Bros. Wm. F. Cain, and Wm. Guinn, acting as Tellers.

On motion, the Association adjourned.

ZACHARIAH REEVES, MODERATOR.

GEO. F. WEBB, *Clerk.*

APPENDICES.

[APPENDIX A.]

Report of the Financial Committee on Missionary and Benevolent Funds in the hands of Bro. James B. Quin, Treasurer of said Fund.

New Providence Church, for Home Missions in Association,	$ 22 00
Ebenezer Church, for Home Missions in Association,	7 00
Zion Hill Church, for Bible cause,	2 00
Hopewell Church, for Home Missions in Association,	17 50
Gallilee Church, " " "	20 00
Marshall Church, for Home Missions in Association, $5, China Missions, $5, African Missions, $5,	15 00
Mount Pleasant Church, for Indian Missions	1 25
Jackson Church, Home Missions in Association, $25, Indian Missions, $3 50, African Missions, $6,	34 50
Bogue Chitto Church, for Foreign Missions, $18, Indian Missions, $20,	38 00
Bethel Church, for Educational Society,	17 00
Holmesville Church, Bro. D. H. Quin, for Bro. Buckner, Indian Missions, $5, Bro. Bowen, African Missions, $5	10 00
Sister M. A. Quin, African Missions, Bro. Bowen,	5 00
Pro. P. B. Williams, for Bro. Buckner, Indian Missions,	2 50
Wiley Young, for African Missions,	1 00
Fort Adams Church, Missions,	4 50
Samuel Cubstead, Indian Missions,	50
	$197 75
Collections on Sabbath,	48 90

We, the undersigned, Committee on Finance, have examined the above account, and find it correct. October 4th, 1858.

G. P. CLAUGHTON,
J. W. FELDER,
J. R. COTTON,
COMMITTEE.

[APPENDIX B.]

James A Jenkins, Treasurer, In Account with Miss. Baptist Association, Dr.

To balance on hand as per last report,	$285 28
To contributions from the Churches,	132 10
	$417 38
By cash for printing Minutes for the year 1857	$138 00
" " distributing the same,	20 00
" paid Z. Reeves, as messenger, seven days @ $2,	14 00
" " W. Clark, " " @ $2,	14 00
" " S. W. Bullock, as messenger, five days, @ $2,	10 00
" for printing these minutes,	95 00
" for superintending and distributing the same,	20 00
	$311 00
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	$106 38

JAS. A. JENKINS, TREASURER.

We, the undersigned, Committee on Finance, have examined the above account, and find it correct. October 4th, 1858.

J. R. COTTON,
G. P. CLAUGHTON,
J. W. FELDER,
COMMITTEE.

[APPENDIX C.]

James B. Quin, Treasurer of Missionary and Benevolent Funds, In Account with Mississippi Baptist Association.

Your Treasurer charges himself with the following sums received, viz:

This amount received on account Foreign Missions,	$ 65 75
" " " African "	7 00
" " " Domestic "	35 25
" " " Indian "	28 25
Public Collection on Sabbath at Association,	101 50
B. Board, S. B. Convention,	28 00
Education,	4 00
Balance in hands of Treasurer, as per last report	2 95
	$272 70

Your Treasurer prays allowances as follows :

1. To this sum paid Archibald Thomas, Treasurer, in account Foreign and African Missions,	$ 95	30
2. To this sum paid on account Domestic and Indian Missions,	86	05
3. To this sum paid Chas. A. Fouller, Treasurer, in account B. B. of S. B. Convention,	50	55
4. To this sum paid Henry Nabring, Agent for German Church, New Orleans, one-third collection on Sabbath at Association,	33	38
	$265	73

Amount charged brought down,	$272 70
" allowed "	265 73
Balance in hand, which is for education,	$6 97

Your Treasurer begs leave to submit the above, as his report of Missionary and Benevolent Funds, to the Mississippi Baptist Association, to convene 2d October, 1858, with Mount Zion Church, Franklin County.

JAMES B. QUIN,
Treasurer Miss. and B. Funds.

We, the Committee on Finance, have examined the above account and find the amounts charged, and vouchers for expenditures, all correct. October 4th, 1858.

JOSEPH R. COTTON,
GRIFFIN P. CLAUGHTON,
JAMES W. FELDER,
COMMITTEE.

[APPENDIX D.]

Your Committee appointed to examine the Baptist Sunday School Question Book, containing a complete harmony of the Gospels, and Acts of the Apostles, by A. C. Dayton, with introduction by J. R. Graves, volume 1st, beg leave to report, that they have performed that part of their duty, and would earnestly recommend the adoption of the same by the Baptist Churches within the bounds of this Association, to be used by them in their Sunday Schools.

G. W. COLLETT, CHAIRMAN.

[APPENDIX G.]

Report of Committee of Revision and Arrangement on order of business. Your Committee would report the following order of business:

1st. Call the Roll.
2d. Read the Rules of Decorum and Power of Association.
3d. Call for Reports.
4th. Call for Abstracts of Church Letters.
5th. Call for Corresponding Letters.
6th. Motions and Resolutions.
7th. Appointments.
8th. Election of Preacher of next Introductory Sermon.
9th Adjournment.

M. S. SHIRK,
F. CLARK,
S. S. RELYEA,
Z. REEVES,
GEO. F. WEBB,
COMMITTEE.

[APPENDIX E.]

The Committee appointed to prepare abstracts from the letters of various Churches, composing the Mississippi Baptist Association, beg leave to present the following as their report:

NEW PROVIDENCE.

This Church reports peace and harmony among all its members; still retains the labors of Elder M. S. Shirk, on 4th Sabbath and day before in each month; has recently held a meeting of days, which resulted in great zeal and warmth of feelings in the membership, and general revival. Several accessions to the Church, with flattering prospects of further additions.

EBENEZER

Reports regular Preaching on the 1st and 3d Sabbath of each month, by Elder M. S. Shirk; has had some trials and difficulties to encounter during the past year, yet a good state of religious feeling prevails; have had frequent accessions by Baptism.

SHILOAH

Not represented.

EAST FORK

Have been blessed with some additions to their number, and report an uninterrupted fellowship throughout the entire year, and give expression to grateful feelings, for the blessing enjoyed in their religious exercises; are blessed with the Pastoral labors of Elder Z. Reeves.

ZION HILL

Have to mourn over a cold state of feeling, but hopefully look forward to the advent of better times, and desire that the prayers of God's people may be offered in their behalf; they have had the labors of Elder J. A Wroten the past year.

GALLILEE.

This Church has been sorely bereaved, by the death of some of its most prominent members, among whom we are pained to mention the names of Bros. David Jackson, and Amos Lusk, veterans in the cause of the Redeemer. Peace and harmony, with a good degree of religious feeling prevails. Several accessions to the Church by Baptism. Supply, Elder M. S. Shirk on second Sabbath.

HOPEWELL.

Have had the faithful labors of Elder William Muttins once a month, the past year, and some additions to the Church, and hope much good has been done, like bread cast upon the waters to be gathered after many days.

MARSHILL.

Elder Z. Reeves supplies this Church, and the peace and harmony reported in said Church, prove that his labors have been blessed. There have been several accessions to the Church, and the best of feelings exist in the Church and neighborhood.

FRIENDSHIP, FRANKLIN CO.

Reports Preaching only a part of the year; some dissensions among its members; state of religious feeling low; solicits the prayers of the brethren.

RAMAH

Enjoys the faithful labors of Elder J. A. Wroten, and are all in peace and harmony with each other.

JACKSON.

Elder T. Adams Preaches to this Church twice a month, and under his ministration the church has been blessed with some additions; sustains a prayer meeting.

MT. PLEASANT.

Enjoy peace among themselves, though have encountered some difficulties; reports additions by Baptism; supplied by Elder S. W. Bullock on 4th Sabbath in each month.

LIBERTY.

This Church is one of large membership, is supplied on 3d Sabbath and Saturday before, by Elder T. Adams, and also on the 1st and 4th, by Elder Solomon S. Relyea; have been compelled to invoke the discipline of the Church, in order to preserve its healthful state; but are happy to state that at this time unanimity of feeling exists.

MT. ZION, FRANKLIN CO.

This Church has been greatly blessed, through the labors of Elder Z. Reeves; several additions to the Church by Baptism; they request the prayers of the Delegates and Ministers of the Association.

FRIENDSHIP, PIKE CO.

Elder S. W. Bullock Preaches to this Church on the 2d Sabbath in each month; reports six additions by Baptism, and general interest upon the subject of religion.

SPRING HILL.

Has Preaching twice a month by Elder F. Clark, on 2d and 4th, which they believe has resulted in good for the cause of Christ. Have just completed a neat and plain, yet a model house of Worship.

MT. ZION, COPIAH CO.

Reports the labors of Elder Wm. East; one addition to the Church by Baptism; complain of lukewarmness, and ask an interest in the Prayers of all the Churches.

BOGUE CHITTO.

Peace, harmony and good feeling exists among their members; congregations large and attentive; Preaching by Elder Z. Reeves once a month; Prayer Meeting once a month; additions by Baptism.

MT. MORIAH,

Bro. Wm. H. Bailey, pastor. During a recent protracted meeting, fourteen were added by Baptism; has been called to mourn the loss of one of its oldest members—Bro. Jacob Hickman.

SAREPTA.

This Church is supplied by Elder William East; occasionally has the labors of Bro. William Whitney. There has been no serious difficulties duringthe past year; solicits the Prayers of the Churches

MACEDONIA.

This Church has the labors of Elder Wm. East, the 1st Lord's day and day before in each month; asks special Prayers of the Association, for a revival in their Chnurch.

PERCY'S CREEK

Is in a languishing condition; asks the Prayers of brethren; Elder E. M. Tabor Preaches for them on 2d and 4th Sabbath in each month.

ST. HELENA

Not represented.

BETHEL.

Serious difficulties have existed in the Church, resulting in several dismissions; has nothing encouraging to report; solicits remembrance at the throne of grace; Elder E. M. Tabor Preaches on 3d Sabbath and day before in each month.

SHADY GROVE.

Preaching 3d Lord's day; have peace and fellowship one with another. They mourn over their imperfections and want of zeal in the cause of Christ. Supplied by Elder Wilson Clark.

FORT ADAMS.

This Church has an attentive congregation, a Sunday School and a Prayer Meeting, on 1st and 3d Sabbath, and on every Wednesday evening. This Church has been blessed with several accessions; they however mourn the loss of three valued members, viz: sister Tremly, sister Roab, and Bro A. Sanders; supply Elder T. Kingsberry.

HOLMESVILLE.

Time of meeting, 3d Sabbath and day before in each month. This Church is supplied by Elder S. W. Bullock, who is faithful to his trusts.

COLD SPRING.

Bro. F. Clark is its pastor; Preaches 1st Lord's day and day before in each month; whose labors has been blessed to the establishing and building up of the Church; they have a good house, well located; congregation large and attentive for the population

M. S. SHIRK,
F. CLARK,
S. S. RELYEA,
Z. REEVES.
GEO. F. WEBB,
COMMITTEE.

[APPENDIX F.]

Report of the Board of Visitors of the Amite Female Seminary.

BRETHREN:

As the Board appointed at your last annual meeting to visit the Amite Female Seminary, conducted by Rev. M. S. Shirk, we would report: That in performing the duties assigned us, we have repeatedly visited the Institution, witnessed the recitations in the different departments, and the manner of conducting it; all which has been most satisfactory and worthy of commendation. The examination, July 6—8, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, was largely attended. The classes throughout gave evidence of real progress, and a correct knowledge of the different branches pursued. There seemed to be no effort at display, but only to exhibit correctly the acquisitions of the pupils. To render the course still more complete and thorough, the principal has recently added a new department, in which a lady of experience and ability presides as governess, having charge of the morning and evening studies, and giving particular attention to the manners and etiquette of the pupils *boarding in the Institution.* The Board have witnessed with great satisfaction, and even pride, the gradual completion of the spacious buildings erected by the principal for the accommodation of the school, inferior perhaps to none in the State, and having ample accommodations for several hundred students; and they deem it a matter of special congratulation, that private enterprise and energy should have given to us an Institution of such a character. The number of pupils in attendance during the

past year, was eighty-six, nine of whom graduated at the late commencement.

Although under Baptist influence and support, it is by no means a sectarian school. Its remarkable healthfulness and other circumstances, contribute to render it a desirable place for the education of young ladies; and we would take this opportunity to again recommend it to public confidence and patronage. Another scholastic year has opened with flattering prospects, and we would urge upon our denomination, especially and all who are interested in the thorough education of young ladies, the importance and duty of still more liberal support The arrangements are ample, and why should not the number of pupils be doubled or even trebled?

Believing that the full benefits of the Institution can only be realized by those boarding in the family of the principal, the Board at the last examination, adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That we recommend to the patrons of the Amite Female Seminary from a distance, to board their daughters and wards with the principal, as it will enable him more effectually to preserve good order and discipline, and, as past experience has proven, will greatly promote the advancement of the pupils.

S. M. BRIAN, PRESIDENT.

GEO. F. WEBB, SECRETARY.

[APPENDIX H.]

ELDER SHADRICK COKER.

ELDER COKER was born in the State of South Carolina, September 22d, 1782, and died November 23d, 1856, aged 74 years, 2 months and 1 day; was licensed to preach by the Union Church in Barnwell District, South Carolina, 22d day of August, 1813, and was called to ordination on the 11th day of June, 1816, and in obedience to said call, Elders James Wilson, Henry Hand, H. A. Boyd, and George Haygood, were the Presbytery on that occasion. He emigrated to this country January, 1821; preached his first sermon the same mnoth at Marshill Church, and joined said Church by letter in February, and was called to the pastorate of said Church the same year, and acted in that relation many years. He was chosen

pastor of Friendship Church, Pike County, Miss. Saturday before the 3d Lord's day in November, 1823, and moved to said county, and united with the Friendship Church by letter, March 3d, 1827, and continued a member some years; then took a letter and joined the Mount Moriah Church, and continued a member of said Church until he removed to Lawrence County, Mississippi, and upon, or soon after the organization of Shady Grove Church, he became a member of that Church, and continued so until he died. He was first a member of the Pearl River Association, and became a member of this Association in 1833, and continued in that relation until he was taken to his rest.

His labors were eminently successful in winning souls to Christ, his labors being chiefly bestowed upon the Churches in the vicinity where he lived. In the death of our aged Brother, the Association has to mourn and regret the loss of an highly esteemed Brother, whos moral deportment, goodness as a man and christian, meekness, zeal, and faithfulness as a minister of Christ, commanded esteem from his acquaintances and endeared him to his brethren. We close by saying, "blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they shall cease from their labor and their works do follow them."

Bro. Lewis McGehee was born June 7th, 1795, and departed this life 15th June, 1857; was long a deacon of Zion Hill Church With the families of our deceased brethren, we deeply sympathize.

ZACHARIAH REEVES,
W. F. CAIN,
J. B. QUIN,

COMMITTEE.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	NAMES OF THE DELEGATES.	COUNTY.	POST OFFICE.	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Excluded	Restored	Dead	Dismissed	Whites	Colored	Total	Ministers	Copies Minutes	Contributions.	Time of Meetings.
N. Providence,	S. Gardner and M. Jackson,	Amite	Liberty		1	3		1	2	48	41	89		40		4th
Ebenezer,	C. C. Lea, M. A. Dunn and J. S. McCoy,	Amite	Rose Hill	11	3	4		2	5	94	56	150		75	8.75	1st & 3d
East Fork,	Z. Reeves and J. W. Felder,	Amite	Liberty	8	5		1	2	7	75	23	98	1	75	5.00	2d
Zion Hill,	J. A. Jenkins and S. O'Neal,	Amite	Zion Hill			4	2		2	37	10	47		35	3.00	1st
Shiloah,	Not represented,															
Gallilee,	S. Jackson and G. G. Longmire,	Amite	Centreville	3	2	1		3	2	59	40	99		50	4.00	2d
Hopewell,	Pinckney C. Harrington and M. R. Clark,	Franklin	Meadville			2		2		20	8	28		30	6.00	1st
Marshill,	W. F. Cain and Wm. Marsalis	Amite	Smithdale	4					2	47	3	50		45	5.00	3d
Friendship,	W. Clark and S. W. Bullock,	Pike	Holmesville	6	12					67	2	69	3	60	10.35	2d
Ramah,	J. A. Wroten and E. Young,	Amite	Smithdale	7	2			1	3	28	7	35	2	30		2d
Jackson, La.	G. W. Catlett,	E. Felician	Jackson, La.	11	2	5		5	1	53	126	179		30	5.00	2d & 4th
Mt. Pleasant,	Henry Albritton and Z. Reeves,	Pike	Bogue Chitto	7	7	1			6	55	10	65		50	5.00	4th
Liberty,	M. S. Shirk, S. S. Relyea, and G. F. Webb,	Amite	Liberty	7	6	5	1	3	2	145	62	207	3	50	5.00	1st, 3d & 4th
Mt. Zion,	J. R. Cotton and D. B. Cain,	Franklin	Meadville	11	9	1	3		4	95	20	115		70	8.00	4th
Friendship,	Wm. H. Bailey,	Franklin	Friendship	2					3	88	7	95	2	50	5.00	4th
Spring Hill,	F. Clark and G. P. Claughton,	Franklin	Knoxville	5	2	7		1	3	58	11	69	1	50	4.00	2d & 4th
Mt. Zion,	Henry Walker,	Copiah	Colomer	1	1	5		1	1			100	1	60	8.00	4th
Bogue Chitto,	J. B. Quin and D. C. Walker,	Pike	Holmesville	3		2	1		4	104	29	133		75	7.50	1st
Mt. Moriah,	Wm. Guinn and Uriah Gill,	Lawrence	Bogue Chitto	15	1			2	1	47	3	50		35	6.00	3d
Sarepta,	Thomas Haris and Bro. Robinson	Franklin	Malcom	3			2		15	31	12	43		30	5.00	3d
Macedonia,	Perry Smith and James Kaigle,	Copiah	Brookhaven	2	8	1	1		1	54	7	61		30	5.00	1st
Percy's Creek,	S. E. McDonald and J. T. Hunter,	Wilkinson	Percy's Creek			1	1	1	4	26	48	74		30	5.00	2d & 4th
St. Helena, La.	Not represented,															
Bethel,	Wm. Rule and E. M. Tabor,	Wilkinson	Woodville	8	6	1			7	33	40	73	1	40		1st & 3d
Shady Grove,	Jesse J. Read and E. Busby,	Pike	Summit		1			1		29		29		25	5.00	3d
Fort Adams,	J. L. Downs,	Wilkinson	Fort Adams	6	5	2	1	3	6	55	26	81	1	50		1st & 3d
Holmesville,	D. H. Quin,	Pike	Holmesville	2	1				1	20	11	31		40	2.50	3d
Cold Springs,	Letter, but no Delegate,	Wilkinson	Cold Springs		1							10		20	3.00	1st
Pioneer,	Wm. Elsberry,	Wilkinson	Woodville	7	3				1			19		30	3.00	4th